

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schuster (US 6,731,630) in view of Waites (6,788,769).

Independent claim 1 recites in part as follows:

"... the input identification number of the destination telecommunication services operator is correlated with the domain name of the destination telecommunication services operator."

In explaining the rejection, the Examiner asserts that Schuster, and, in particular, column 14, lines 44-56, column 15, lines 58-67, and column 18, lines 9-24 thereof discloses the above recited feature of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Schuster applied by the Examiner (hereinafter "Schuster") do not teach the above recited feature of claim 1. That is, Schuster merely discloses that preprogrammed device identifiers (e.g. telephone numbers) are represented as user@domain where the domain references a particular local area or wide area network such as 3com. Schuster does not disclose that the preprogrammed device identifiers are correlated with a domain name of a telecommunication services operator.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Schuster and Waites.

For similar or somewhat similar reasons with regard to claim 1, independent claims 5 and 8 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Schuster and Waites.


Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 depend from one of the independent claims, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Schuster and Waites for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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